

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 7, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 977

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

February 22, 2013

An act to add Section 71097 to the Education Code, relating to ~~public elementary and secondary education~~ *community colleges*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 977, as amended, Salas. ~~Public elementary and secondary education~~. *Community colleges: career technical education programs.*

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, who, among other things, appoint the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges as the chief executive officer of the board.

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to convene a group of experts in career technical education, business, or industry. The bill would require the chancellor to ensure that the group of experts includes individuals who are community college faculty members or administrators, and representatives of private sector business or industry. The bill would require the group of experts to research and recommend ways to address the technical, policy, and fiscal issues related to implementing differential funding for credit-bearing high-cost, high-demand courses and programs, including career technical education offered at California Community College campuses, that regions deem valuable to their economies. The bill would require the group of experts to report its findings to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2016.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary education in this state. Under this system, local educational agencies are authorized to operate public schools and provide instruction to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to public elementary and secondary education in this state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 71097 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 71097. (a) The Chancellor of the California Community
4 Colleges shall convene a group of experts in career technical
5 education, business, or industry. The chancellor shall ensure that
6 the group of experts includes individuals who are community
7 college faculty members or administrators, and representatives of
8 private sector business or industry.
9 (b) (1) The group of experts shall research and recommend
10 ways to address the technical, policy, and fiscal issues related to
11 implementing differential funding for credit-bearing high-cost,
12 high-demand courses and programs, including career technical
13 education offered at California Community College campuses,
14 that regions deem valuable to their economies.
15 (2) The group of experts shall report its findings to the
16 Legislature on or before January 1, 2016.
17 (c) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under
18 paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) is inoperative on January 1, 2020,
19 pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.
20 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (2) of
21 subdivision (b) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795
22 of the Government Code.
23 SECTION 1. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
24 ~~legislation relating to public elementary and secondary education~~
25 ~~in this state.~~